

## CAPSULE SUMMARY CT - 1096

This barn is the third of four barns located on a private farm in Dunkirk. According to the present owner the barn was built c. 1950, and thus provides valuable insights into the management of land at this farm, as well as into the history of tobacco production in the 20th century. This double-aisle plan barn measures 80 x 30 feet and is oriented on a north-south axis, although the aisles run perpendicular to the barn's long axis rather than parallel to it. As its construction date would suggest, the barn is composed entirely of circular sawn lumber and wire nails. An enclosed stripping room is built into the first two bays of the southeast corner of the barn.

# Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Survey No. CT-1096

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

## 1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic

and/or common Whittington Barn C

## 2. Location

street &amp; number Yellow Bank Road

☐ not for publication

city, town Dunkirk

☐ vicinity of

congressional district

state MD

county Calvert

## 3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	<b>Public Acquisition</b>	<b>Accessible</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial
	<input type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> museum
			<input type="checkbox"/> park
			<input type="checkbox"/> private residence
			<input type="checkbox"/> religious
			<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
			<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

## 4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Charles Whittington

street &amp; number 3972 Yellow Bank Rd.

telephone no.: 257-6416

city, town Dunkirk

state and zip code MD 20754

## 5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Calvert County Courthouse

liber AWR 27

street &amp; number Main Street (MD 765)

folio 311

city, town Prince Frederick

state MD

## 6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date

☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

## 7. Description

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### Condition

☒ excellent  
☐ good  
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated  
☐ ruins  
☐ unexposed

### Check one

☒ unaltered  
☐ altered

### Check one

☒ original site  
☐ moved

date of move \_\_\_\_\_

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.  
See Attachment.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

### Specific dates

### Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D  
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

See Attachment.

## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property \_\_\_\_\_

Quadrangle name Lower Marlboro, MDQuadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A 

Zone	Easting					Northing			

B 

Zone	Easting					Northing			

C 

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D 

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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## 11. Form Prepared By

name/title Tora L. Williamsen-Berryorganization c/o Calvert county Historic District Commission date June 30, 1990  
Dept. of Planning and Zoningstreet & number Courthouse telephone 535-1600city or town Prince Frederick state MD

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## 7. DESCRIPTION CT-1096

The Whittington farm is located at the end of Yellow Bank road in northern Calvert County. There are four tobacco barns on the farm. The farm house is located at the top of a hill. The barns are reached by taking the farm road that runs behind the house and down the hill to the west. The earliest barn, A, is the barn nearest the farmhouse. Barn B is immediately adjacent to it. Whittington Barn C is at the end of the farm road and is the barn nearest the river. The farm road, after going past the south facades of barns A and B, turns north and goes by the east facade of C, then turns again and continues to the west. Barn C is oriented on a north-south axis. Barn C measures eighty by thirty feet and has an aisle plan. It is constructed entirely of circular sawn lumber and wire nails.

There are two sets of double doors on the east and west sides. The bays are eight feet wide and the door bays are twelve feet wide. The frame is supported on concrete blocks. The down braces, sill, and nailers are all circular sawn and toe-nailed with wire nails. The posts are circular sawn and half-lapped. There are V braces above that extend from the bottom of the tie beams to the top of the first tier pole level. Vertical wall siding with many hinged ventilation doors covers the exterior. Ventilation is also controlled by the boards nailed below the sill that extend down to the ground. Some of these boards are hinged at their junction with the sill so that they can be propped open. The roof rafters are on four foot centers and rest on a flat false plate. Windbraces in the northeast and northwest corners, and three collars, support the roof. In addition, there are queen braces in the roof structure. Standing seam metal covers the roof. The tier poles are circular sawn and separated by forty-five inches vertical distance. The poles down the central axis are formed by two two by six inch boards nailed together and set on concrete blocks. These boards have blocks inserted between in order to support the tier poles. There is an enclosed stripping room built into the first two bays in the southeast corner of the barn.

## 8. SIGNIFICANCE CT-1096

This barn is an architectural representative of the modern aisle plan barn. A date of 1950 is given by the nephew of Mr. Whittington, for the construction of this barn. As such, the barn can serve as a gauge to interpret other similar barns for which there is no known date. Typical of modern barn construction, much of the support has been lifted up above the ground and into the superstructure of the barn. In addition, this barn is significant as one of a series of barns built from the early nineteenth century forward on a single farm. The development and changes made to these barns, in addition to the sites chosen for their placement, is valuable data for the interpretation of tobacco agriculture in Calvert County.

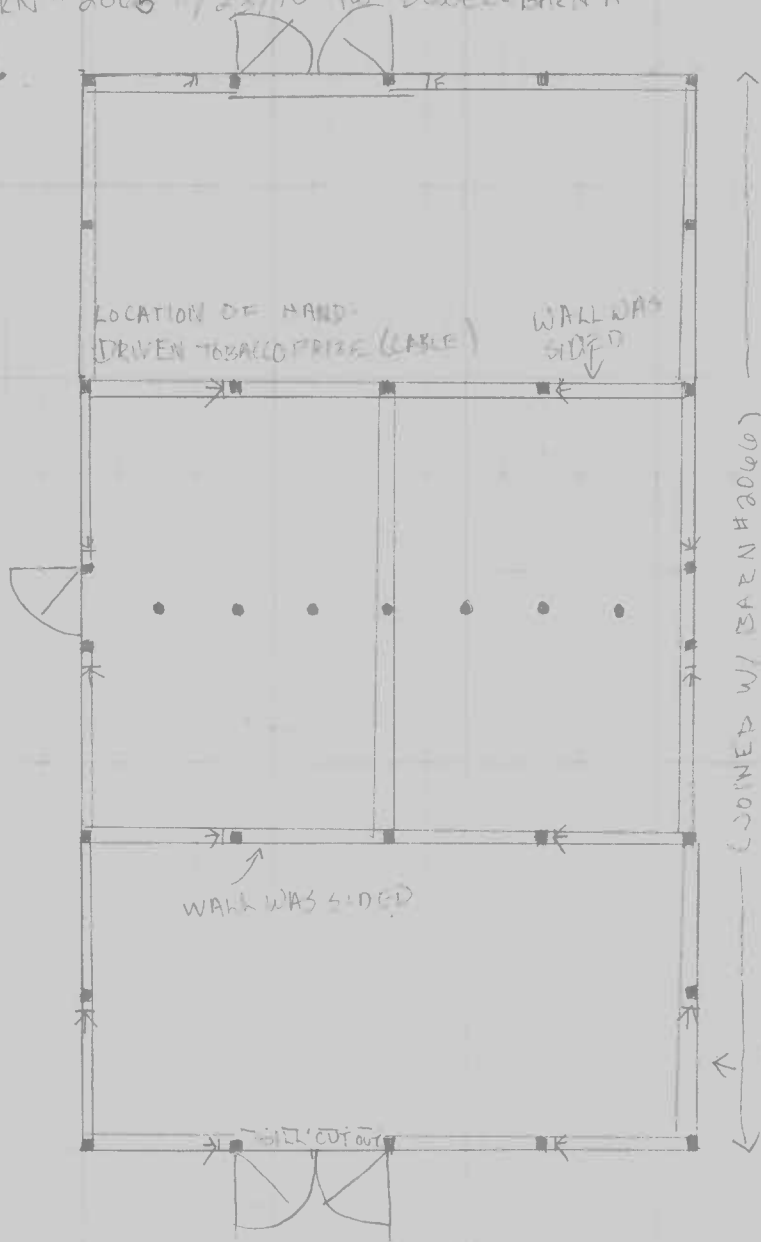
This barn also yields information regarding agricultural history in Southern Maryland. In February 1990, a tobacco barn survey was initiated in order to study the tobacco barns of Calvert County. Until fairly recently, tobacco was the most important farm crop of the county. More acreage was devoted to its cultivation than for both of the next most extensive farm products (corn and wheat). The barns and stripping houses related to this "Tobacco Culture" are widely recognized as the most common element on the rural landscape. These structures are also the most threatened, as the market for tobacco declines. They seem to have, at present, only limited capabilities for re-use. Many barns and stripping houses now stand empty. The purpose of this survey has been to gather information and document a wide sample of these structures before they disappear from the landscape.

Historical Period theme(s): 1950-; Tobacco; Agriculture  
Geographical Organization: Western Shore Chesapeake Bay Calvert Cty MD  
Chronological/Developmental Period: 1950-Present  
Resource Type(s): Tobacco Barn

No significant changes have been made to this barn. According to the nephew of Mr. Whittington it was built in 1950.

BARN # 2065 11/23/90 TB DOWELL BARN A

CT-1092



DOES NOT GO WITH CT-1097

SURVEY # 1092

HAS BEEN XEROXED AND  
PLACED IN APPROPRIATE  
BOOK

SOME SIDING REMAINS FROM  
BEFORE JOINED W/ ADOTN.

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20 G.F.  
20 F.B.



CT-1096

BARN # 2069 4/24/90 W

→ N

30' 6"

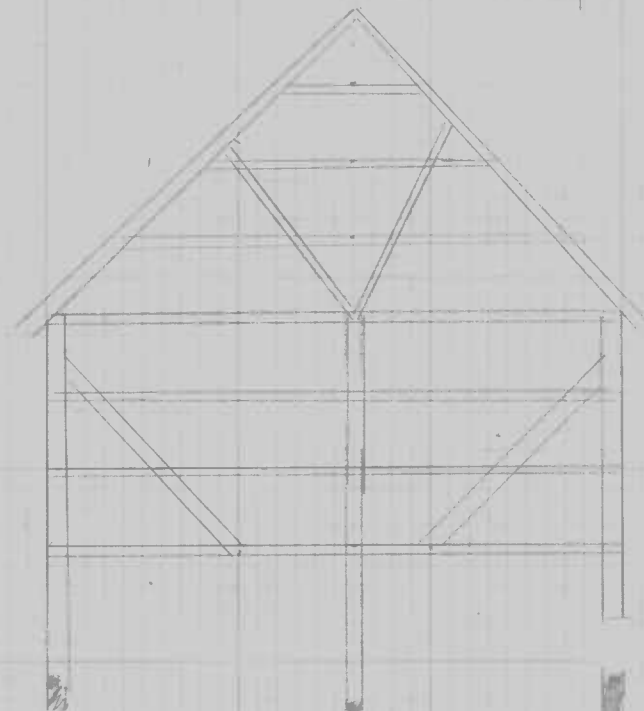
80' 6"

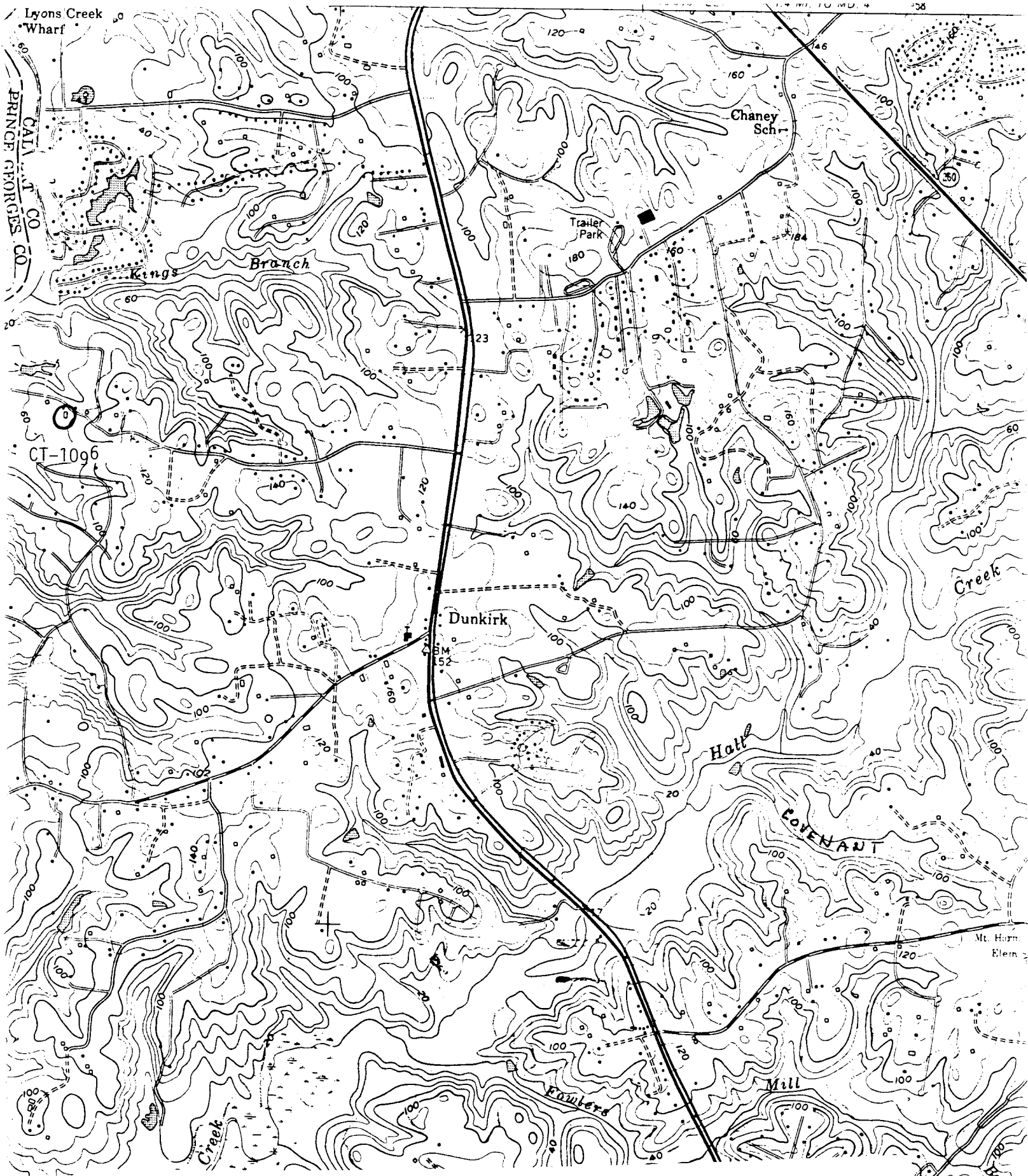
ENCLOSED  
STRIPPING ROOM

AB = 30'

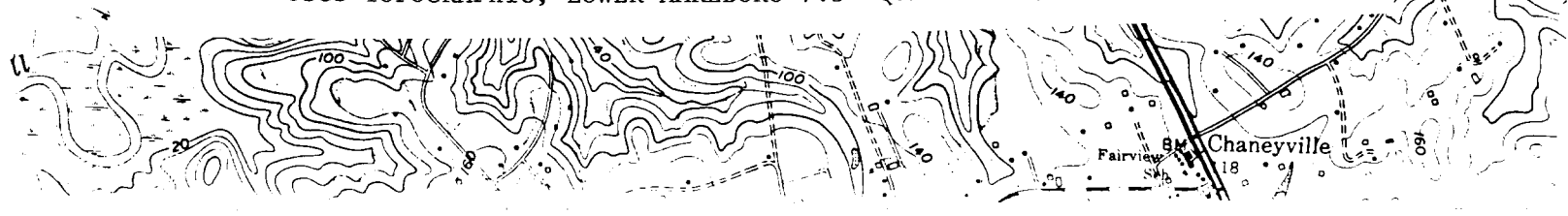
BC = 80'

CROSS-SECTION AT 28'





USGS TOPOGRAPHIC, LOWER MARLBORO 7.5" QUADRANGLE, 1:24,000, 1979





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Whittington Earn "C"  
Dunkirk.

Tora L. Williamson  
Southwest  
April, 1990